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Potentate's Message

Greetings, Sons of Allah.

In the name of Allah. It has been decreed by your Illustrious Potentate and Divan, that one and all Nobles of Damascus Temple, as well as sojourning Nobles prepare at once their Camels and Fodder for a Pilgrimage to the Sacred City of Mecca where an old time ceremonial will be held. Harken to the call of your Potentate! Let the summons of trumpets and cymbals sound afar. Let the pulsing boom of drums be heard abroad. Fail ye not to go into the Highways and Byways and get unto yourself a novice of Noble Birth for the Pilgrimage across the Hot Sands. Spread the joyful tidings far and wide. Get your novice ready for the ordeal. The Sands will be Hot, the road rugged and the unclean will be washed and eat salt with us. They shall partake of Camels Milk and become one of us.

Therefor, Sons of Allah, take Note! Contact every unhallowed soul in our domain that they may have an opportunity to become a Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

Prepare thyself for the feast which will be enjoyed as we enter the desert near the oasis.

Hark Ye Well to the Mandate of your Potentate.

Es Selamu Aleikum.

Arthur T. Smith, Potentate.

Damascus Temple Divan for 1938

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What's New?

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Editorial

Next big event on Damascus Temple's program is the Spring Ceremonial for the May meeting. It looks, at this writing, that we shall have a sizable class of initiates. All it needs is that every noble put forth effort to secure candidates. The machinery for an old-time ceremonial is well oiled, according to the director of stunts. The Potentate will push the button and the class will be tried out with the Moslem test.

Congratulations to Potentate Smith and his executive committee for a successful circus, which assures good times for the Nobility throughout the year. We are sure that the Pote has plans which will be approved by all.

While we are thinking of new candidates let's not lose sight of the Noble who for some good reason has found it necessary to drop out of our ranks. Assure him that there is an easy way to renew his membership and the Recorder will be glad to explain the plan. That Noble is missing much that will add to his pleasure in life, aside from his participation in the support of our greatest of charities, the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospitals.

"What's New" renews its pledge of support to the Potentate and Divan in all Shrine activities. We feel, now in our third year, that there is a definite place for this magazine and that we are fulfilling our obligation and responsibility to the Shrine. We welcome suggestions and constructive criticism. We want our columns to be informative, and, if possible, inspiring to continued activity in all that is best for Damascus Temple.

If "What's New" justifies its existence, even in small measure, it will be sufficient gratification to those who labor to make it acceptable to the Nobility.

Imperial Potentate's Message

A Noble to whom I am indebted for many thoughtful courtesies, has suggested that I procure the text for this message from the report of the Imperial Recorder in the March Bulletin. What does it mean to us that 7,370 Nobles died last year; and that our total membership decreased during 1937—the net loss being 12,059. Also, why were there only 7,416 restorations during the brightest and most enthusiastic year we have had for some time, and more importantly, where are we going from here—and what can we do about it?

It seems to me, that like the learned scientists who are puzzling over the perplexing economic dilemma confronting the world; we must delve into history, digest a lot of theories and make a few tests in our endeavor to solve our problem—and perhaps we will fare no better than they have in finding a solution.

At the outset, Temple dues were only one dollar per year, yet Ceremonials were more elaborate and enthusiastic than they are now; for the simple reason that the candidates "paid the freight." It is easy to understand why the Nobility were diligent and ardent in securing candidates, and everybody liked Ceremonials. There was plenty of material, since even thousands of duly qualified Masonic brethren thought of our Order as mysterious, instead of mystic. Temple memberships grew like Jack's Bean Stalk in the fable; but it was not only the large Temples that suffered from "growing pains." Bye and bye the "dinner check" got too big for the candidate to pay; and rent, interest, and kindred expense items relegated the privilege of wearing a fez for a dollar a year to oblivion.

Quite naturally, as time passed, available material became scarce; there were changes in the trend of Masonic affiliations, the establishment of numerous new jurisdictions speeded absorption. I am told that in these days some neophyte hunters form picket lines around Blue Lodges.

The fateful law of averages sadly predicts that the Black Camel will come more frequently year by year. Therefore, it seems apparent that our real problem is to find ways of reducing the number of suspensions and demits, and of attracting affiliations and restorations.

What may be accomplished is entirely under control of the Officers, Past Potentates, and those of the Nobility whose fraternal fervor will urge them to work for the general welfare. If Temple activities become discordant because they are controlled by a selfish minority, or are offensive to either public or Masonic principles

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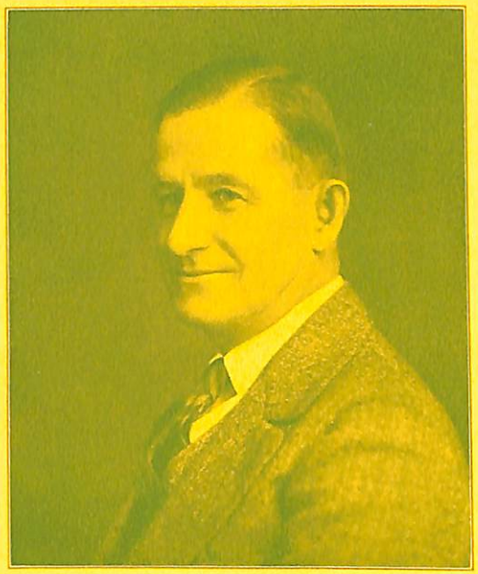

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Imperial Potentate's Message

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of morality, statistics relating to creations and disaffiliation will be unfavorable. If the cost of maintaining membership is too great by reason of the burden of continuing prerequisite requirements; or if incongruous jurisdictional boundaries restrict the attractiveness of membership by causing disputes or inconvenience; then the voting power of at least one hundred Temples must be marshalled to bring relief by changing our laws. Representatives will not vote for things to which they are antagonistic, or which they believe will be unpopularly appraised. The Imperial Officers are not dictators—it is futile for them to attempt to persuade action on polemic subjects.

It is a grave error to harbor belief that the harmonious life of any Temple will not suffer if our Order fails to sustain its undertakings; or should lose its enviable fraternal prestige. Comparisons are always odious—I do not think any are necessary here to remind Masons of fatalities resulting from dwindling membership. The thing for us to do is to work unitedly —think hard—pray—with the words "creations," "affiliations," and "restorations" graven in our minds.

WALTER S. SUGDEN, *Imperial Potentate.*

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Concessions		1,200.00
Banners		545.00
Contributions		125.00
Total Cash Receipts to Date		$25,447.47
Due on Banners		400.00
Refund on Telephone Bill		4.69
TOTAL INCOME		$25,852.16

DISBURSEMENTS

Armory	$5,924.36	
Less Inventory	865.80	5,058.56
Circus Acts		6,590.82
Tickets		1,542.87
Office	$ 917.64	
Less Inventory	12.56	905.08
Advertising	$1,730.07	
Less Inventory	30.00	1,700.07
Insurance	$ 452.52	
Credit	3.25	449.27
Automobiles		1,353.46
Miscellaneous Expense	$ 695.69	
Less Inventory	10.40	685.29
U. S. Federal Tax		1,918.70
Banners		224.50
TOTAL EXPENSE		$20,428.62
PROFIT		$5,423.54
On Deposit—Genesee Valley Trust Co		$4,100.09
Accounts Receivable		404.69
Inventory		918.76 $5,423.54

CIRCUS BOOK TICKETS SOLD BY THE UNITS—1938

	Books Taken	*No. Sold*	*Amt.*	*No. Ret.*	*Unaccounted For*
Band	124	61	$ 344.80	51	12
Chanters	113	74	478.60	37	2
Legion	394	222	1440.60	134	38
Patrol	515	336	2155.39	143	36

Patrol includes honorary members and all past potentates.

Dated: April 6, 1938

SPRING CEREMONIAL

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1938

In Cathedral Hall

4:00 P.M.—Business Session. Registration of Candidates.
4:30 P.M.—Ceremonial, First and Third Sections.
5:30 P.M.—Parade to Powers Hotel
6:30 P.M.—Banquet at Powers.
8:00 P.M.—Parade to Masonic Temple, Cathedral Hall.
8:30 P.M.—Introduction of Visitors. Ceremonial, Second Section. Hot Sands.
10:30 P.M.—Camel's Milk.
12:00 P.M.—Good Night. Happy Dreams.

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Guy Moore	Knuckle Breaker	Dr. C. Stewart Nash	Nose Ringer

FEES FOR INITIATES

The cost to candidates for the Ceremonial to be held on May 4th, is as follows:—

Fee	$50.00
Dues	7.50
Hospital Tax	2.00
Fez	5.00
	$64.50

Petitions for the Order may be obtained at the Recorder's Office and should be turned in before noon on the day of the Ceremonial.

Ceremonial Banquet

POWERS HOTEL, 6:30 P. M. WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1938

The Nobility will all be seated at once. Ample preparations in the way of food, seating arrangements and prompt service are being made.

Menu

Peach Brandy Fruit Cup

Celery Hearts — Assorted Olives

English Mock Turtle Soup

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The Spring rummage sale will be held on the 13th and 14th at 246 Clinton Avenue North.

The regular sewing meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Band room in Masonic Temple. Members are asked to spend the day whether or not they know how to sew. Each member takes sandwiches, the committee serving tea, coffee and dessert.

Zama Temple regrets the passing on April 15th of Princess Clara Steelsmith, wife of Noble Linden Steelsmith and mother of Princess Royal Clara Schwab. Mrs. Steelsmith had been a member of the Nile since 1923.

MASONIC STAMP CLUB

Shriners interested in the hobby of collecting stamps are asked to register with the Masonic Stamp Club, Noble Lewis G. Ames, Secretary, at the Consistory Office. It costs nothing. The membership is growing. Ask Noble Ames about it.

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AFFILIATIONS

We are pleased to report the addition of two new members by Affiliation. Noble William S. Gouinlock, formerly a member of Damascus Temple and Noble Ralph A. Whitford, who came to us from Cyprus Temple.

ADDRESSES

Rev. William H. Benford
David Cohn Willis D. Gridley

Mail addressed to the above has been returned by the postal department because of incorrect addresses. If you know the correct address of of any of the Nobles named, the Recorder would be pleased to receive the information.

BOWLERS ENTERTAINED

On Saturday, March 19th the Damascus Bowling Team of the Inter-Club League plays host to the Ismalia Team of Buffalo. Damascus won eleven of fifteen games, with a total of 13,951 pins as against Ismalia's 13,715.

Emergent Gratuity Fund

"No man ever stood so straight as when he bent over to lift up a little child."

The above quotation most assuredly reminds all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of the part each has in that Great Charity known as our Crippled Children's Hospital.

With this thought in mind let us stop and see if there is not another emergency in our own Temple which is very much in need of the support of every Noble of Damascus Temple.

The Emergency Fund of Damascus Temple is a worthy and much needed project. It is organized to dispense immediate relief upon the death of a Member and while you may be financially able to leave your Family without the benefit of this Fund, you must remember that in belonging to it you are helping some other Noble's Family that is not situated so fortunate.

Again, it is a form of more or less charity that is relieving Masonic Bodies, from the Blue Lodge to the Shrine and every Noble should belong to this Fund.

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Emergent Gratuity Fund of Damascus Temple

APPLICATION FORM

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